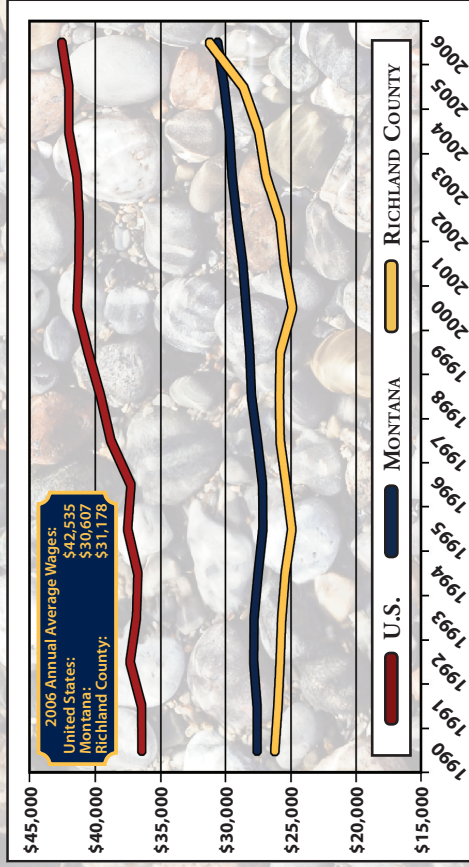


## Annual Average Labor Force - Richland County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	5,083	4,957	126	2.5%
2005	5,050	4,892	158	3.1%
2004	4,865	4,704	161	3.3%
2003	4,624	4,426	198	4.3%
2002	4,776	4,535	241	5.0%
2001	4,857	4,632	225	4.6%
2000	4,979	4,717	262	5.3%

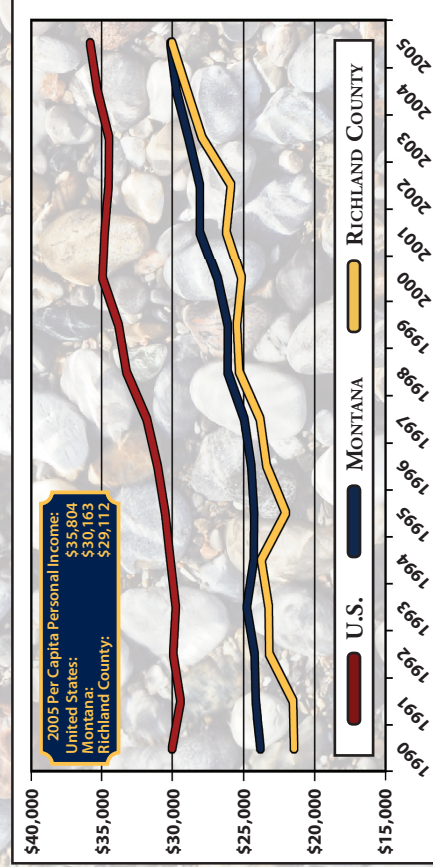
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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## RICHLAND COUNTY

Richland County is Montana's twenty-first most populous county, with an estimated 9,295 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Sidney, the county seat, is the state's seventeenth largest city, with a population estimated at 4,804 in 2006.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Richland County include Crane, Fairview, Lambert, and Savage.

Oil production and agriculture are widely recognized as two of the staples of Richland County's economy. Much of Richland County is located in the Williston Oil Basin, and oil pumping and exploration takes place throughout the area. The confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers lies close to Richland County, creating a 75-mile-long irrigated valley in which grains, sugar beets, corn, beans, and hay are produced.<sup>2</sup> The town of Fairview is known as the "Sugar Beet Capital," of both Montana and North Dakota (since the state line divides the town between the two states).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

<sup>2</sup>"Sidney," [www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=sidney](http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=sidney)

<sup>3</sup>"Fairview," [www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=fairview](http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=fairview)

## Resources for Richland County

### Chambers of Commerce

**Fairview Chamber of Commerce**  
P. O. Box 374, Fairview, MT 59211  
Ph: (406) 742-5259 (Fax same number)  
E-mail: [trumpwer@midrivers.com](mailto:trumpwer@midrivers.com)  
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**Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Ag**  
909 S. Central Avenue  
Sidney, MT 59270  
Ph: (406) 433-1916, Fax: (406) 433-1127  
E-mail: [schamber@midrivers.com](mailto:schamber@midrivers.com)  
[www.sidneymt.com](http://www.sidneymt.com)

### Job Service Workforce Center

**Sidney Job Service Workforce Center**  
211 North Central  
Sidney, MT 59270  
Phone: (406) 433-1204  
Fax: (406) 433-7453  
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/sidney>

### Newspaper

**Sidney Herald-Leader**  
310 2nd Avenue NE  
Sidney, MT 59270  
Phone: (406) 433-2403  
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## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	18	230	\$50,327
Transit and ground passenger transport	5	13	\$8,912
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
INFORMATION	7	50	\$28,089
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Telecommunications	3	19	\$44,423
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	21	95	\$32,394
Credit intermediation & related activity	5	51	\$37,196
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	7	14	\$40,423
Insurance carriers & related activities	9	30	\$20,558
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	13	67	\$25,446
Real estate	8	*	*
Rental and leasing services	5	57	\$24,986
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	46	157	\$39,722
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	10	37	\$26,693
Administrative and support services	8	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	2	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	2	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	31	650	\$25,749
Ambulatory health care services	19	85	\$30,941
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	9	59	\$14,886
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	14	94	\$12,899
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	13	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	33	413	\$9,261
Accommodation	4	63	\$7,421
Food services and drinking places	29	350	\$9,590
OTHER SERVICES	45	148	\$14,089
Repair and maintenance	15	42	\$23,859
Personal and laundry services	6	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	21	84	\$8,058
Private households	3	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	35	686	\$29,646
Local Government	17	544	\$26,603
State Government	9	37	\$31,875
Federal Government	9	104	\$44,770

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	476	4,505	\$31,178
TOTAL PRIVATE	441	3,819	\$31,453
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	9	66	\$20,371
Crop production	2	*	*
Animal production	6	52	\$19,516
Fishing, hunting and trapping	1	*	*
MINING	35	470	\$63,694
Oil and gas extraction	6	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	27	418	\$62,352
UTILITIES	6	59	\$64,775
CONSTRUCTION	55	256	\$36,460
Construction of buildings	13	58	\$24,763
Heavy and civil engineering construction	14	124	\$47,916
Specialty trade contractors	27	74	\$26,504
MANUFACTURING	11	328	\$31,865
Food manufacturing	4	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	25	153	\$29,589
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	15	81	\$20,739
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	3	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	55	518	\$22,168
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	10	107	\$28,780
Furniture and home furnishings stores	2	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	4	32	\$16,646
Building material & garden supply stores	9	44	\$24,367
Food and beverage stores	5	90	\$20,468
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	103	\$15,649
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	3	6	\$8,397
General merchandise stores	4	71	\$22,146
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	9	\$5,856
Nonstore retailers	4	13	\$56,691
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	26	256	\$46,885

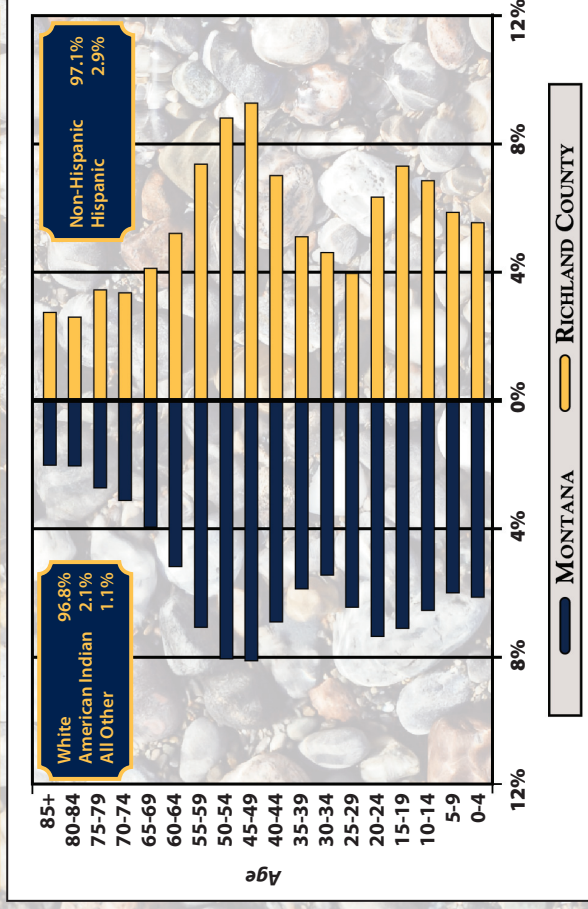
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)  
\* Data Not Disclosable

## Population for Richland County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Richland County	-3.8%	9,295	9,163	9,077	9,175	9,273	9,443	9,627	9,667
Fairview town	-4.7%	676	670	660	670	679	692	706	709
Sidney city	0.6%	4,804	4,740	4,464	4,522	4,575	4,659	4,753	4,774
Balance of Richland County	-8.8%	3,815	3,753	3,953	3,983	4,019	4,092	4,168	4,184

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Richland County, 2006



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

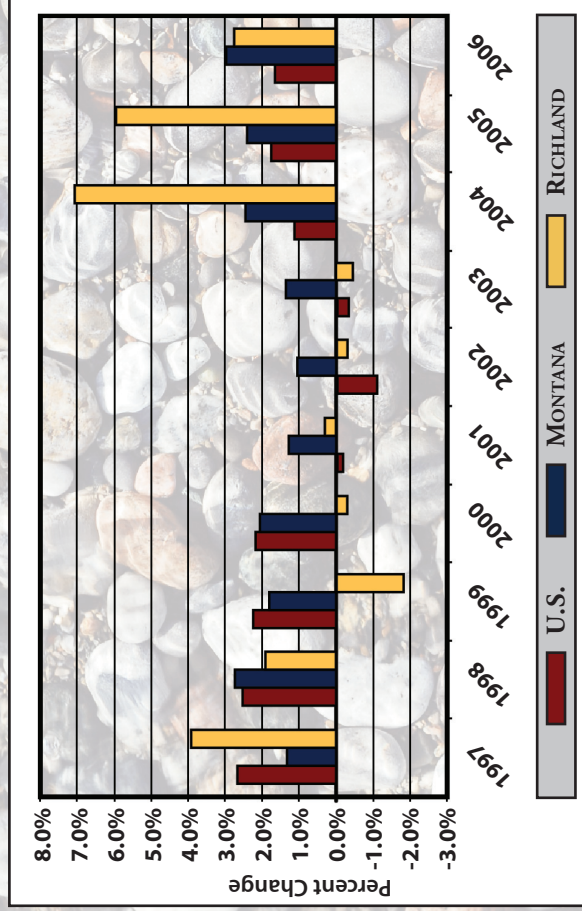
## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Richland County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	16.5%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	35.4%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	14.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	1.7%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	0.8%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Richland County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 10 Private Employers in Richland County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Bob's Pickup & Delivery	6	Mitchell's Oil Field Service	5
Caza Drilling	5	Sidney Health Center	7
Cyclone Drilling	5	Sidney Sugars	6
Franz Construction	5	South 40 Restaurant	4
Key Energy Services - Rocky Mountain	5	Valley View IGA	5

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Richland County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	587
Land in farms (acres)	1,201,436
Average size of farms (acres)	2,047
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	322
1,000 acres or more	265
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	445
\$100,000 or more	142
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	506
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	81
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	64,689
Hogs and pigs	120
Sheep and lambs	7,010
Horses and ponies	1,115
Bison	109
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1,907
Corn for silage or greenchop	5,536
Wheat for grain, All	138,670
Winter wheat for grain	3,475
Durum wheat for grain	20,699
Spring wheat for grain	114,496
Barley for grain	14,494
Oats for grain	3,871
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	55,191
Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	396
Other	191
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	428
Not on farm operated	159
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	119
10 years or more	468
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	324
55 years and over	263
Average age of operators: (number)	55.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
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